THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

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For:

Abrasive Particles for Chemical Mechanical Polishing

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination, Applicants request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered in view of the Amendments and Remarks that follow.

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Signature

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing set forth on page 3 of this document.

Remarks may be found on page 8 of this document.